



National Association for Patient Participation

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We would like to ensure that all names and email addresses are correct ahead of an exciting upgrade to our membership system. Please could you check your contact details are correct at the top of this email and let us know if anything is wrong. (Practice email is used to send an email only if we have lost touch with all other contacts.)

New Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Dear Members of N.A.P.P.

Members will remember that at the Annual General Meeting last year the Trustees proposed and the Members approved that a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) should be set up to replace the present N.A.P.P., since the present body is an association with no formal legal status, and with unlimited liability for Trustees and Members, whereas a CIO is a legal entity with limited liability.

The Trustees have always run N.A.P.P. responsibly, never incurring debts, effecting suitable insurance and avoiding risks; nevertheless the CIO structure has advantages. The “National Association for Patient Participation (CIO)”, a Registered CIO No 1187058 was registered with the Charities Commission in December last year, but the sad death of the Treasurer, Edith Todd, and the Covid problems have delayed our transfer into it.

New Membership system with VeryConnect

We are now ready, however, for the change to the CIO. The Trustees have also decided to use a software application called VeryConnect to manage and engage our members online. It is convenient to make both changes at the same time. Therefore at some future date still to be announced, possibly 1 January 2021, but possibly later depending on how development goes, all the current Members of N.A.P.P. will become Members of N.A.P.P. (CIO). They will still remain Members of N.A.P.P. and all new members of N.A.P.P. CIO will also become Members of N.A.P.P., until the original charity is finally wound up at some date in 2021.

Changeover of Members

Those members of N.A.P.P. who will change over are all those who are fully paid up at the changeover date, together with all those who are no more than six months overdue; this is consistent with the rules of the CIO. Those whose full membership of N.A.P.P. expired more than more than six months prior to the changeover date will not be transferred to the CIO and will have to apply afresh to become new Members of the CIO.

New payment systems

New bank accounts for the CIO will be necessary, and we shall give details of these as necessary. Payment by card (credit or debit) will become possible, and we shall encourage you to use this method if you can, with bank transfer our second choice and cheque third. But do give your membership number where required so that we can identify who has paid.

Updating details on the web

You will be asked to update your PPG details and contact details on the web through the VeryConnect platform, when you first log into the members area and whenever you wish to; you will move seamlessly from N.A.P.P.'s normal web site to and from the new member area.

We shall let you know in a further eBulletin more about this exciting new membership system and the benefits for our members.

Effective continuity for N.A.P.P.

The purposes and principles of N.A.P.P are not changing at all. All the Trustees of N.A.P.P. are also already all Trustees of N.A.P.P. CIO, so there will be no discontinuity of the management. The changes are just at an administrative level.

Questions

We are very happy to answer any questions Members may have about the transfer to CIO status. Please email admin@napp.org.uk

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